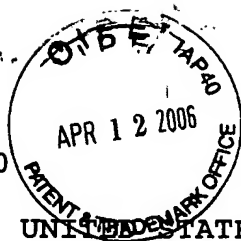


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Applicant hereby reports the issuance of an International Search Report in the corresponding Japanese PCT application. A copy of that Search Report and the references cited therein, together with PTO Form 1449 listing each of the references is attached hereto. In accordance with MPEP § 609 III A(2), copies of US patent documents are not attached for applications filed after June 30, 2003 (MPEP Rev. 2, May 2004, page 600-128).

Also attached are documents mentioned in the present specification and a brief description of their relevance can be found therein.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider each of these references and indicate such consideration by enclosing an appropriately initialled copy of the enclosed form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the Patent Office.

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